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## Abstract

We introduce an analogue of the Ducci game that involves *d*-tuples of prime numbers subjected to the iteration *G* sending such a *d*-tuple  $(p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_d)$  into  $(\operatorname{gpf}(p_1 + p_2), \operatorname{gpf}(p_2 + p_3), \ldots, \operatorname{gpf}(p_d + p_1))$ , where for any  $x \ge 1$ ,  $\operatorname{gpf}(x)$  represents the greatest prime factor of the integer x. We show that the iteration of *G* always leads into a limit cycle *C*. Moreover, if *C* has length greater than 1, then not only every vector in *C* has all components in  $P_0 := \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$ , but every element of  $P_0$ appears as a component of some vector in *C*. An analysis of the lengths of the nontrivial cycles for small values of *d* is provided.